

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**FY2015 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT**  
**February 25, 2014**

**SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Chair	Rep. Drummond	Rep. Hawker
Rep. Herron	Rep. Isaacson	Rep. Kawasaki
Rep. Lynn		

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections submits a recommended operating budget for FY2015 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 295,816.1
Designated General Funds (DGF)	15,120.5
Other Funds	14,725.5
Federal Funds	5,433.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 331,095.9</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections held five meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are budget action highlights:

- The Subcommittee recommends no changes to the Governor's Amended FY2015 request.
- The Subcommittee recommends a decrease from the FY2014 Adjusted Base of \$2,500.0 UGF and a decrease of \$1,601.5 DGF for a total General Fund decrease of \$4,101.5. The change from Adjusted Base in Other Funds is increased by \$214.4 and Federal Funds remain the same. The total change from the Adjusted Base is a decrease of \$3,887.1 and there is no change in positions - 1,857 Permanent Full Time Employees.

**Accepted:**

**1. Population Management – Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm (PMCF) – Combine with Goose Creek Correctional Center (GCCC), (\$2,500.0 UGF)**

Merging the PMCF with GCCC will save an estimated \$2.5 million. PMCF will continue as a working farm camp and prisoners will be bussed daily from GCCC. The PMCF has 112 beds and the facility will be maintained to a level that those beds can be used in the future.

**2. Population Management – Out-of-State Contractual – Transfer Funding to Various Allocations, \$3,379.2 UGF**

We now have less than 20 prisoners housed out of state. \$300.0 remains in the budget for those inmates. \$3.4 million is being transferred to GCCC, Inmate Transportation, Physical Health Care and the Institutional Director's Office for various costs related to managing the 1,050 inmates returned to Alaska from Colorado.

**3. Population Management – Out-of-State Contractual – Transfer Funding to Regional and Community Jails, \$283.2 UGF**

Transferring these funds from Out-of-State Contractual to Regional and Community Jails provides funding for short-term confinement of persons detained on state charges. The increase of \$283.2 is calculated using the Consumer Price Index.

**4. Inmate Health Care – Physical Health Care – Reduce Permanent Fund Criminal Funds, (\$1,601.5 UGF)**

PFD Criminal Funds are variable year to year as the calculation is based on the number of inmates ineligible to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend. This total is \$1.6 million less than appropriated last year to Inmate Health Care.

## **5. Inmate Health Care – Behavioral Health Care, \$475.8 MHTAAR (Other)**

The Mental Health Trust recommended an increase of \$214.4 for the Mental Health Trust Disability Justice Initiative to start a rural re-entry and fetal alcohol syndrome education pilot program and expand training for DOC mental health staff. \$260.0 will be used for the second year of the Assess, Plan, Identify, & Coordinate re-entry project and \$1.4 is included in contractual salary adjustments.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

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The subcommittee has adopted the Governor's FY15 Amended budget as submitted with no changes.

The subcommittee recommends the department continue their cost containment work on Inmate Health Care and pursue any savings that haven't already been identified.

The subcommittee also recommends that the department continue to utilize Community Residential Centers and Electronic Monitoring to the maximum use possible for the population eligible for either program.

Please note that we are not attaching a Transaction Comparison Report between the Governor's Amended Budget and the House Subcommittee since there are no differences between the two.

## **ATTACHED REPORTS**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections adopts the attached reports:

### **Subcommittee generated reports**

Budget Action Worksheet

### **Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure**

1. Agency Totals – FY2015 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm



**Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair**  
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